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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: Application of Masaru HOSHINO
PROGRAM STARTER SYSTEM, AND METHOD OF CONTROLLING
PROGRAM STARTUP
Assignee: SEIKO EPSON CORPORATION
Our Ref: Q78518

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Continuation Application of pending prior Application No. 09/635,405 (Confirmation No. 6447(parent)) filed August 10, 2000 of Masaru HOSHINO entitled PROGRAM STARTER SYSTEM, AND METHOD OF CONTROLLING PROGRAM STARTUP.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, four (4) sheets of drawings, a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application, Preliminary Amendment, Information Disclosure Statement and a PTO SB 08 A & B Form.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 2184 (parent).

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This is a Continuation of Application No. 09/635,405 filed August 10, 2000; the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	11-226301	August 10, 1999
Japan	2000-235488	August 3, 2000

The priority document was filed in parent Application No. 09/635,405.

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The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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